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HOUSE BILL NO. 231

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing a state education policy; relat-  
7 ing to powers and duties of school districts, the  
8 Department of Education, and the State Board of  
9 Education with respect to education planning and  
10 planning grants; requiring regional school boards to  
11 establish and consult with advisory boards; and  
12 providing for an effective date."

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

14 \* Section 1. AS 14.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

15 Sec. 14.03.015. STATE EDUCATION POLICY. It is the policy of  
16 this state that education should encourage all students to succeed in  
17 learning, assist students to shape worthwhile and satisfying lives,  
18 exemplify societal values, and provide students with tools to influ-  
19 ence the character and quality of the world.

20 \* Sec. 2. AS 14.03 is amended by adding new sections to read:

21 Sec. 14.03.120. EDUCATION PLANNING. (a) A district shall  
22 annually file with the department, and make available to the public, a  
23 report that

24 (1) establishes goals and priorities for improving educa-  
25 tion in the district;

26 (2) includes a plan, not longer than three pages in length,  
27 for achieving district goals and priorities; and

28 (3) includes a means of measuring the achievement of goals  
29 and priorities.

1 (b) The department shall summarize the reports submitted under  
2 (a) of this section and provide a copy to each member of the legisla-  
3 ture.

4 (c) Students, parents, teachers, and other members of the commu-  
5 nity shall be encouraged by the district to participate in the prepa-  
6 ration of the report submitted under (a) of this section.

7 (d) Each district shall, by October 31 of each year, provide to  
8 the governing body and the department, and make available to the  
9 public, a report on the performance of each public school in the  
10 district. The report must include

11 (1) results of basic skills achievement tests and college  
12 entrance examinations, with appropriate comparisons; results under  
13 this paragraph must be disclosed in a manner that does not reveal the  
14 individual identities of students;

15 (2) student, parent, and community member comments on the  
16 school's performance;

17 (3) attendance, retention, and graduation rates; and

18 (4) information on school awards or honors.

19 (e) In this section, "district" has the meaning given in AS 14.-  
20 17.250.

21 Sec. 14.03.125. EDUCATION PLANNING GRANT FUND. (a) The educa-  
22 tion planning grant fund is created as an account in the general fund.  
23 The fund shall be used by the board to make grants to a district  
24 located in the state for education planning. The fund consists of  
25 money appropriated by the legislature.

26 (b) A governing body located in the state may apply for an  
27 education planning grant by submitting an application to the board.  
28 An application must include

29 (1) a description of the education planning process;

- 1 (2) how the planning process is intended to improve student  
2 performance;
- 3 (3) the method used to evaluate improvements in student  
4 performance;
- 5 (4) the efforts made to obtain community support for the  
6 grant application; and
- 7 (5) a proposed budget detailing the expenditure of all  
8 grant funds.

9 (c) In a fiscal year, the board may not award more than \$50,000  
10 in grant funds to a district and shall award grants to a diversity of  
11 districts and regions. A grant may not be awarded to the same dis-  
12 trict for more than three consecutive fiscal years.

13 (d) In this section, "district" has the meaning given in AS 14.-  
14 17.250.

15 \* Sec. 3. AS 14.07.020(a)(2) is amended to read:

16 (2) study the conditions and needs of the public schools of  
17 the state, [AND] adopt or recommend plans, and adopt regulations for  
18 the improvement of the public schools;

19 \* Sec. 4. AS 14.07 is amended by adding a new section to read:

20 Sec. 14.07.165. DUTIES. The board shall adopt and require each  
21 governing body to adopt written goals that are consistent with AS 14.-  
22 03.015 and shall administer education planning grants awarded under  
23 AS 14.03.125.

24 \* Sec. 5. AS 14.08.115 is amended to read:

25 Sec. 14.08.115. ADVISORY SCHOOL BOARDS IN REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL  
26 ATTENDANCE AREAS. A regional school board shall [MAY] establish  
27 advisory school boards, and by regulation shall prescribe their manner  
28 of selection and organization, and their powers and duties. A region-  
29 al school board shall consult with the appropriate advisory board

1 regarding organization and operation of schools and appointment of  
2 personnel.  
3 \* Sec. 6. This Act takes effect July 1, 1989.